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Three Stakes Formed in East Bay

New presidency of the Hayward Stake which was formed at a conjoint conference of the Oakland and Berkeley Stakes held at the Richmond civic auditorium Aug. 26, 1956, with Harold Be. Lee presiding. Seated left to right, A. Gifford Jackson, first counselor; Milton P. Ream, president; Francis Winkel, second counselor. Standing, Hugh B. Brown, Assistant to the Twelve; Theodore M. Mudge, stake clerk; Harold B. Lee, Council of Twelve.—Photo by Pyle Photography, Berkeley.

"More Family Reading"

The campaign for "More Family Reading" begins September 16 in the Bay Area stakes in common with more than 200 other stakes.

During the "More Family Reading" campaign, ward and stake Era directors will seek to place a home-missionary, "The Improvement Era," in every LDS home in the area.

ERA directors will also be reminding members that the Era is the "official organ of the priesthood quorums, Mutual Improvement associations, department of education, music com-

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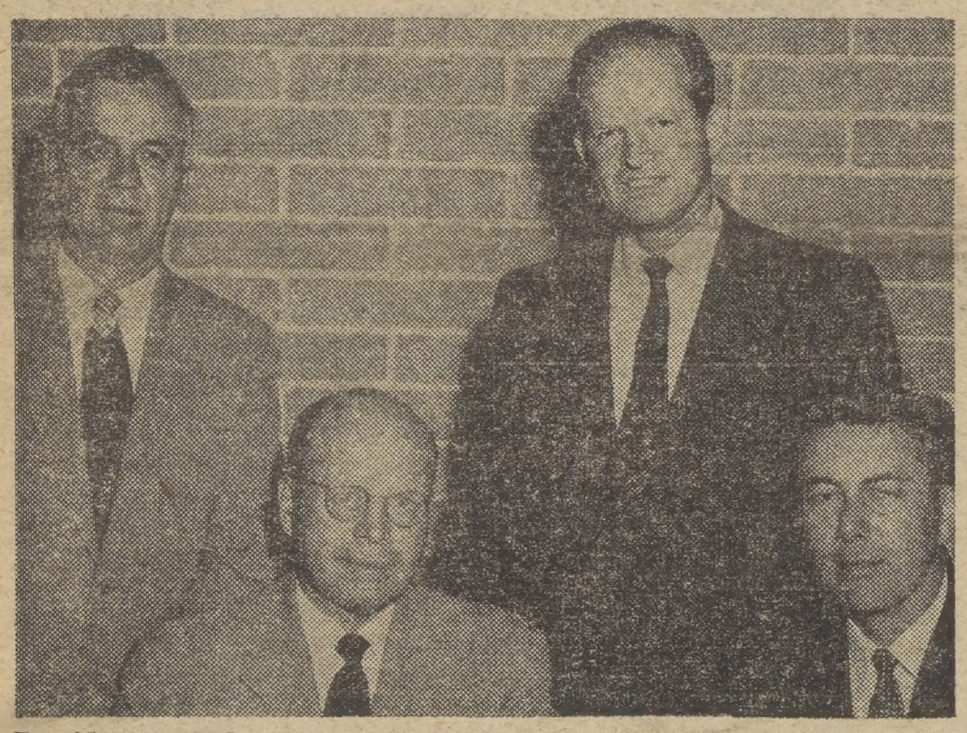
THE PRESIDENCY OF THE NEW OAKLAND-BERKELEY STAKE Include, left to right, sitting Elmo R. Smith, 1st counselor; Pres. O. Leslie Stone and Delbert H. Rock, 2nd counselor. Standing are the stake clerks, William A. Stewart and Leon Baer.
Oakland-Berkeley Stake, the second hyphenated stake in the Church, was organized at the conjoint Oakland and Berkeley Stake Conference held in the Richmond civic auditorium Aug. 26, 1956, with Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of Twelve presiding and assisted by Hugh B. Brown, Assistant to the Twelve.



Presidency of the Walnut Creek Stake, created at a special conjoint conference of the Oakland and Berkeley Stakes held at the Richmond civic auditorium Aug. 26, 1956, presided over by Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of Twelve.
Seated left to right, Pres. Emory R. Ranker, and Stanley Weeks, stake clerk; standing, Norman B. Creer, first counselor and Owen J. Cook, second counselor.—Photo by Pyle Photography, Berkeley.

DELBERT F. WRIGHT
For seven years president of Oakland Stake, was released Sunday, Aug. 26, 1956 at a conjoint conference of Oakland and Berkeley Stakes, presided over by Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of Twelve. Brother and Sister Wright are moving to Minneapolis where Delbert F. will be assistant to the president of General Mills—Photo by Moulin Studios, S. F.

W. GLENN HARMON
Elder Harmon has served as the president of Berkeley Stake since its organization in October 1946. Before that time he had served as YMMIA stake president in Oakland Stake and as counselor to Pres. Eugene Hilton of that stake. He was honorably released when the stake was reconstituted as part of two new stakes, the Walnut Creek and the Oakland-Berkeley Stakes.

Largest LDS Conference Ever Seen In Northern California Meets In Richmond Civic Auditorium

What was designated by Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve as the largest assembly of Latter-day Saints ever gathered in conference in Northern California met Sunday, August 26, in the great Richmond Auditorium for two sessions. The official count of the morning attendance was 4100.

Gathering then were church members from Oakland and Berkeley Stakes, called into joint-sessions by Elder Lee and Hugh B. Brown, Assistant to the Twelve, for the purpose of dividing the two stakes into three new stakes and of selecting the leaders thereof, and having them sustained.

Great preaching was heard from the two visiting church leaders as well as touching farewell addresses by retiring stake presidents Delbert F. Wright and W. Glenn Harmon. The new officers were heard pledging their humble best efforts to fill the accepted positions of leadership.

Berkeley Stake Choir

Music was furnished by a Berkeley Stake choir led by Berkeley Chorister Nico D. Snel Jr., with Mary Russell Burton at the piano. A solo by Mrs. Pat Stone with Marjorie Remington, accompanist, was in response to a special request by Elder Lee: the number, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain".

The conference closed Sunday evening with a MIA session in the Berkeley LDS chapel at which Hugh B. Brown delivered a masterful appeal for Latter-day Saint standards.

Trieste Hall and President Harmon were honored by being made Golden Gleaner and Master M-Man respectively. Also honored by receiving merit pins after long service to the MIA were Alma Deane Feller and David Fuhriman.

Music was furnished by the girls chorus which sang at the last June conference, led by Lorraine Wilkinson.

The three new stakes formed at

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Purpose of Church To Prepare People To Receive Lord

"The purpose of the restoration of the fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ in these latter-days," declared Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve at the opening session of the conjoint Oakland and Berkeley Stake Conference August 26 at the Richmond Civic Auditorium, "is to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord". This phrase was quoted from Joseph Smith's 1842 letter to John Wentworth, editor of the Chicago Democrat.

To this end the Church makes necessary adjustments along stake and ward lines as will best serve the grand purpose for which the Church exists. "The people do not exist for the Church, but the Church exists for the people," said Elder Lee.

These remarks were preliminary to proposals of the division of the Oakland and Berkeley Stakes into three newly constituted stakes, the Hayward, the Walnut Creek and the Oakland-Berkeley Stakes.

Play On Words

Elder Hugh B. Brown, Assistant to the Twelve, speaking at the Sunday morning session of the Conference, began with a play on words, the words being the names of stake officers, new and released. President Love of the Northern California Mission was also present and mentioned.

Elder Brown said in effect, "What we have done here today is Wright, and in perfect Harmony with no Ranker but only in the fullness of Love. There will be Ream-s of work to do, but the Smith will weld things together so they may be done up Brown."

Elder Brown spoke [illegible] call for faith today, "Faith fortified with k[illegible]pa

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Temple Hill Minstrels Coming Actors Tour Berkeley Stake

The TEMPLE HILL MINSTRELS, an actors troupe having members from every ward and branch in Berkeley stake, are presenting the biggest show since Barnum as they tour the stake this month to raise funds for the Berkeley-Oakland-Walnut Creek-Hayward Interstake Center to be constructed on Temple Hill, Oakland.

The mammoth show, which opened to an enthusiastic audience Saturday, September 1, in Claremont Ward, has a 20-man, red-satin-costumed chorus, a 7-piece Dixieland combo, 8 individual acts and the two zaniest end men of the century.

Eight more performances are scheduled, beginning Tuesday, September 11, in Rodeo, and continuing through Saturday, September 22, in Pittsburg. The various wards are holding individual banquets immediately before the show. Menus range from ham and turkey to box lunches and smorgasbord.

The all-new show was written by Rhea Nelson, Berkeley Stake drama director, and Ray Rackley, manager of the troupe. Sister Nelson has a string of successful plays behind her, including the enthralling **Gaslight** produced last May by a troupe from Claremont Ward.

Vivacious LaVon Pardini of Walnut Creek conducts the chorus. Dave Tucker, the East Bay's Dixieland expert, leads the combo, Jeannie Clovis, whose originality surprised the audience at the recent Sacramento dance festival, composed and is directing the ballet.

Assistant directors are Peggy Beal and Nadine Hopkins. Nona Henry of Pleasant Hill designed and directed the sewing of the brightest costumes your reporter has ever seen. It is rumored that they even glow in the dark.

Pat O'Nion, former Hollywood makeup artist, is stage manager. Lights are by Jay Markham of Concord.

Al Heiner, vice-president for public relations and traffic, Kaiser Steel Co., addresses the assembly of young basic airmen LDS members during Pioneer Day festivities at Parks Air Force Base, Calif., July 28, 1956.

200 Servicemen Honor Pioneers At Parks Base

PARKS AFB, Calif. . .Over 200 LDS servicemen and young people from the nearby hospital wards gathered here July 28, 1956 to celebrate "Pioneer Day."

Lt. Richard Parker took charge of the food, and the preparation of hot dogs, corn on the cob, and many of the extras. Under Parker's direction, the Livermore Branch members served the food provided by Livermore, Castro Valley and Hayward Wards.

In a picnic area, adjacent to the Parks AFB USAF Hospital, the assembly listened to Elder Al Heiner's brilliant eulogy to the Mormom Pioneers. Bishop Herman Christensen led the group in community singing, while Jack Lewis played the field organ.

Chaplain (1st Lieutenant) Robert Smith directed the social event. He thanked the civilian membership for the interest shown the servicemen. "It is your faith and prayers that make our servicemen return to their homes virtuous and clean," he said.

San Lorenzo Ward.

21 Girls Win MIA Awards For Activities

Individual awards, for MIA activities during the past year, have been issued to 21 girls: Jane Dunn, Lene Wimmer, Iris Smith, Meta Tweedy, Katherine Nielsen, Kay Smith, Geri Brown, Kathy Swim, Vicki Bartlett, Sandra Saari, Lynette McBride, Linda Crane, Julie Crane, Connie Smith, Alice Ostler, Betty Williams, Bonnie Williams, Jean Holmes, Barbara Saari, Sharon Tweedy and Marlene Swim.

Four have been graduated from the teacher-training class: Arnold Smedley, Robert Bird, Kay Smith, Len'e Wimmer. Instructor was Edrie Olsen.

Wilford W. Nelson of the Oakland Stake high council, and his father, Wilford L. Nelson, were ward visitors at Sacrament meeting this month.

Anna Hjorth of Springville, Utah,

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Carol Wright, daughter of James C. and Ruth G. Wright, Oakland III will be married to Keith L. Stephens, son of Marion G. and Estella Stephens of Oakland IV, November 2nd in the Los Angeles Temple. After honeymoon trip the couple will return to Oakland for a reception.

Keith and Carol plan to resume their studies in January at the Brigham Young University.

—Photo by Arthur Odell Studio

Oakland Stake

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD TROPHY AWARDED TO OAKLAND FOURTH

Permanent possession of the Oakland Stake Aaronic Priesthood trophy for 1956 will be awarded September 9, to the Oakland Fourth Ward leaders and young men. The trophy will be presented to Bishop Curtis R. Bybee by Eugene Hilton as chairman of the Oakland Stake Aaronic Priesthood committee.

Permanent possession is usually granted at the end of the year,, but the organization of the three-stakes which was effected in the East Bay August 27, has necessitated making the award at this time. Some of the Oakland Stake wards are now in Oakland-Berkeley Stake and others are in Hayward Stake.

Oakland Second

Welfare Dinner and Ward Bazaar Planned For September 15

By Joanne White

Careful plans are being made. Lots of work is being done. What for? The last of our welfare dinners is approaching and we want to go over the top in raising our welfare fund. Save September 15 for a very special dinner with a very worthy cause.

Joseph P. Fernelius was honored with a farewell testimonial August 12 as he prepared to depart for his second full-time mission to Sweden.

It's time to begin thinking about the ward bazaar again as December 7 fast approaches. The Relief Society presidency encourages the sisters to have their articles in early.

A wedding shower was given last month for Gerri Schultz in the home of Raylene Darton. Gerri will marry George Pinckney, Jr. of Alameda Ward in the Los Angeles Temple this month.

As September arrives once more we want to bid farewell to the departing students of BYU. We are especially proud of Jay Rounds who will attend on a scholarship. Good luck, and lots of fun, kids!

Thora Nolan and family moved to Montana recently. We will miss them and wish them happiness in their new home.

Bishop's Message:

Let's be friendlier! Our ward has been called one of the friendliest in the stake. This means that more is expected of us. Let's not

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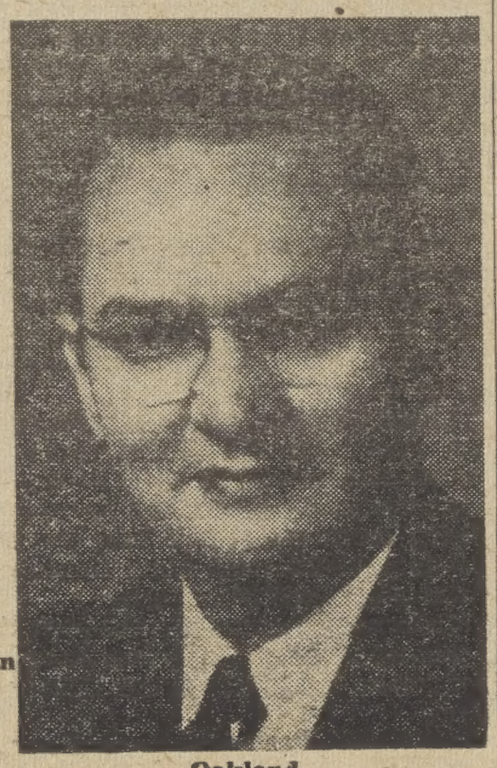

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Alameda Ward

Holladays Feted Enroute To N. Y.

By Amelia Everett

The Clifton Holladays on return from Japan enroute to Brooklyn N. Y. were given an open house party at the home of Bishop and Mrs. Bangerter. About 110 persons attended.

Elder Kammeyer from Odgen, and Elder Hokanson from Montana are located in Alameda as full-time missionaries.

Bishop's counselor, Rollin Smith and family, and the Dan Harrison family have returned from vacations in Utah.

The Ralph E. Lane family were here to church Aug. 19th.

Brother and Sister Hughes and son Don are leaving for two weeks in Idaho to visit daughter Elaine.

Lt. and Mrs. Charles Batt and family recently returned to Moffett Field. They will make their home at Sunnyvale. Sister Batt is the former Colleen Menick, a niece of Ralph E. Lane.

Larry and Carolyn Blake are moving to Salt Lake.

Marlene Jensen will reside in Utah after her marriage Sept. 8.

Sharon Jensen and Beverly Liebhart are leaving for Brigham Young University.

Babies blessed this month include: David John Goodfellow; Cinthia Donna Wight, Elouise Ann Severson, Kenneth Stephen Gilmore, Jr.

Confirmed members were: Dianna Lee Fong and Marilyn Ann Fong.

We were happy to see Mary Jean Patterson out to church after a long illness.

We welcome Brother and Sister Peterson to our ward.

Brother and Sister Seal visited the ward after five years absence. They now live in Modesto.

San Leandro

Bishopric Grateful For Budget Support

The bishopric wishes to thank all the members for supporting the ward dinner. The proceeds will be used to pay a part of our stake welfare budget.

The Aaronic priesthood members and advisors attended the all-star football game at the Kezar Stadium—Our own Keith Bohannon was one to the main stars. We are proud of him!

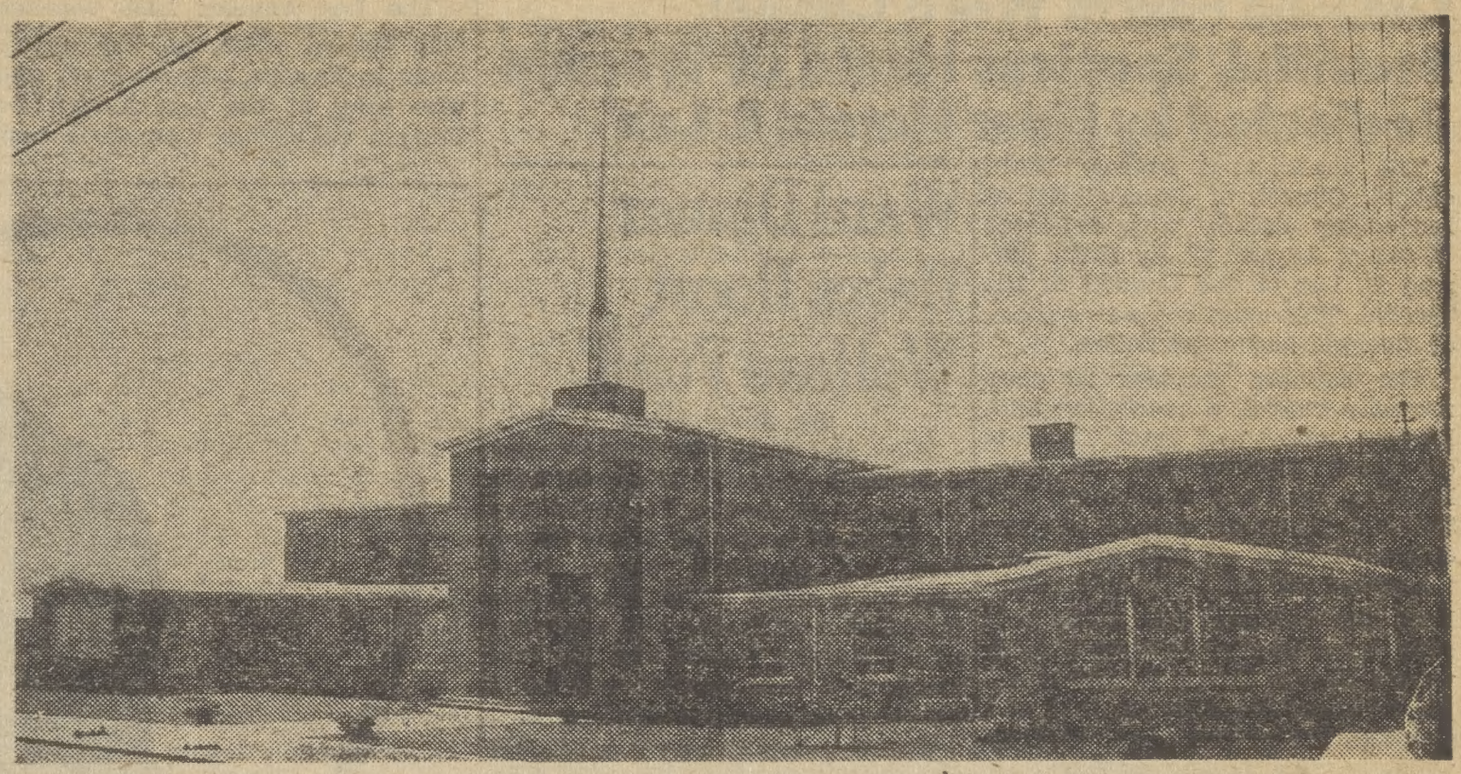
Brother Faatamala Tuia was called to be a stake missionary and was released as assistant superintendent of the ward Sunday School. Brother Robert Bundy was sustained as the new assistant superintendent.

Sister Helen McBride returned home from the hospital after undergoing surgery. We pray for her a complete and speedy recovery.

Laurel Ewald was the guest at two bridal showers given by Ruby Ostler, Roberta McBride, Rose Winter and Joy Valentine.

Stork showers were given for Gladys Cheney and Frances Lauper at the home of Doris Hansen with Nell Christensen and Anna Calhoun as Co-Hostess's. Roberta McBride was honored with a baby shower at the home of Laurel Ewald. She was the recipient of many lovely and useful gifts.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Edward Watkins and Family in the loss of their husband and father.



The Oakland Fourth Ward, LDS chapel, at 4705 Virginia St. which took two years to build, was dedicated Sunday, August 27, at 7:30 p.m. by Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
The elevated site affords a most unusual and inspiring view of and beyond, Oakland and the estuary. A parking lot can care for 70 cars at one time.

Oakland Fourth

Annual Ward Picnic Held Aug. 7

By Arlene Woods

The annual family picnic for Oakland Fourth Ward was held at Lake Temescal's Willowbrook picnic grounds August 7. Families brought their own food, and watermelon was supplied by the MIA. Games galore, and entertainment around a campfire contributed to the evening's fun.

Bishop Curtis R. Bybee, on behalf of the bishopric, extends heartfelt appreciation to all who contributed funds and labor toward the completion of our new chapel which was dedicated August 26.

Bishop Bybee adds that there are still furnishing to be purchased, so those who have not contributed, or who would still like to contribute, can yet help with our new chapel.

The fourth quorum of Elders, with their partners, gathered for their first Elders' party in our new chapel, July 28 at 8 p.m. Games, dancing, entertainment and refreshments were enjoyed. Kent McCarty, as master of ceremonies, kept things humming.

Flag Day Program Brings $2000 For Scout Activities

More than $2,000 has been distributed to Boy Scout troops from Oakland Stakes as a result of the June 16th Flag Day Program and Show. Over 85% of the gross sales went to Scout camping and summer activities fund.s This is the highest percentage return to troops since the inauguration of the Flag Day programs.

Wide participation marked the activity, with young men from all troops going out in their own neighborhoods almost every evening, under the direction of scout masters and troop committeemen.

The fund raising program has made possible activities such as participation in a Colorado River trip for boys from the Oakland Fifth ward, and Dimond-O camping for 13 boys from Troop 4, Oakland Fourth.

Committeemen for the 1956 Flag Day observance were: Truman Nethercott, chairman; Merle Morris, Sheryl Shurtliff, and Verl Bennett, with Eugene Hilton serving on ticket sales.

WELFARE DINNER

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Oakland Fourth Ward Chapel, Beautiful, Spacious House of Worship Dedicated by Elder Harold B. Lee

The Oakland Fourth Ward chapel, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was dedicated Sunday, August 27, by Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve. This culminates two years of struggle and construction.

The building provides 20 class rooms, a chapel, a recreation hall, lounges, lobby, and lanai. There is off-street parking for 70 cars. Building, land and furnishings cost $265,000 (Mormon chapels are not dedicated until all bills are paid.)

Located at 4705 Virginia, Oakland, the building was made possible, according to Oakland Fourtn ward's Bishop Curtis R. Bybee, by the excellent response of ward and Oakland Stake members, and by whole-hearted support as shown by generous amounts of donated labor.

The site provides an incomparable, wide-sweeping view over and beyond Oakland. The dedication program was as follows:

Dedication Program

Prelude by Joanne Bybee, daughter of Bishop Bybee; "We Thank Thee" by the ward choir; invocation by Counselor Leland H. Wright, Sr., remarks by Robert T. Paine, first bishop of the ward, and new Oakland Stake patriarch and by Movell Day, construction supervisor; "Come, Come Ye Saints," by the choir; talks by Bishop Bybee and by Oakland Stake President Delbert F. Wright; vocal solo, "Bless this House" by Jay Robinson; dedicatory remarks and prayer by Harold B. Lee; "Hosanna" anthem by choir and congregation; benedication by Counselor James C. Nackos, postlude by Joanne Bybee. Choir director is Erva Wilson, Gladys Olson and Joanne Bybee pianists and J. Howard Dunn chorister.

The Oakland Fourth ward was organized as Maxwell Park Ward, March 10, 1940, resulting from a division of the old Dimond and Elmhurst wards. Boundaries are from 35th Avenue to 73rd Avenue and from the Estuary to the hills.

Bishoprics Listed

Robert T. Paine, first bishop, served for seven years. William A. Stewart, now Oakland Stake Clerk, served for a little over two years. Bishop Bybee has served for more than six years. Counselors with Bishop Paine were Claire Brossard, Truman Nethercott, Doavon J. Alphin, Glen Crandall and Perry J. Earl. During Bishop Stewart's two years counselors were Grant H. Hawkins, Richard Alphin, and Albert K. Bramwell. Counselors to Bishop Bybee, besides Leland H. Wright Sr. and James C. Nackos, now serving, have been: Richard Alphin, and John W. Dayley Jr.

Ground was broken for the new chapel March 21, 1954. April 24, work commenced. Regular meetings began in the new building April 1, 1956.

Ward Dinner Helps Boost Welfare Fund

By Judy Ahlin

Hayward Ward members enjoyed a delicious dinner to help their welfare fund on August 10. Under the direction of head-chef Wally Jones, they had spaghetti, tossed salad and home made cakes. The entertainment was under the direction of the Sunday School and the Primary. The next project will be a parcel post party on October 5.

The Primary put on a delightful Sunday evening program the first Sunday of August. Sister Evelyn Hutchings, a counselor to President Betty Hughes, carried out the evening.

The Fireside held a picnic at the Hayward Park one Saturday night before traveling to the dance at Elmhurst. Kaye Harward planned the excursion and John Monte, Jr. the president, helped with the organizing.

Hayward Ward wishes success and good fortune to Keith Renstrom who has been a faithful member of the ward for the past several years. He left for Utah recently.

Oakland Miss Sees 11 Nations On BYU Tour

Miss Caryl Jacobs, Oakland Stake gleaner president, will return from an extended European tour the forepart of September. With Prof. Gledhill's group from Brigham Young University, she visited 11 countries and saw many of the old world cultural centers.

They also visited the London Temple site and made a trip to the Swiss Temple.

She sailed on the Saxonia from Montreal in June. Enplaning in France she will arrive in New York where she will visit friends before returning home.

Caryl is a member of Oakland Second ward and daughter of Dorothy and the late Clarence B. Jacobs.

More Family Reading
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mittee, ward teachers and other agencies of the Church of Jesus of Latter-day Saints."

The Era, during the year, will bring into homes special articles concerning the priesthood, messages from President David O. McKay, articles dealing with history, doctrine, our standard works, fiction and poetry. Special issues similar to the famed Temple issue of last November mey be expected.

Many members, in addition to having the Era in their own home, will send subscriptions this year to worthy Lamanite families, and will also give Era subscriptions as wedding and anniversary gifts.

The Los Angeles LDS soprano who toured with the Tabernacle choir in Europe last summer, and who sang at the Los Angeles Temple dedication won some new honors when she created the leading soprona role at the premiers of the new opera "Pantaloon" in New York recently. Her name? Ewan Harbrecht, the same artist who flew to the Scottish Rite Auditorium August 24 for one appearance and then flew back to her New York convert tour.

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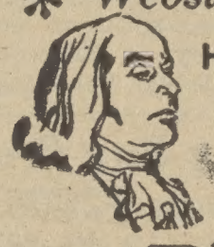

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San Francisco, Oakland Stake Girls Enjoy Week Camping At Cazadero

By Verna Jackson

Fun was the order of the day for 102 Latter-day Saint girls from Oakland and San Francisco Stakes who returned recently from a week at camp Cazadero.

It was a thrilling camping experience for the girls and their thirteen counselors. The joy which comes from mingling together in work and play amid God's outdoor handiwork is indescribable.

Activities enjoyed by the campers included hiking, swimming, boating, sports, nature activities, handicrafts and cook outs.

Each day ended with a delightful campfire program.

The highlights of the week was the MIA meeting on Thursday evening held around the campfire. Wilford T. Webb of the Oakland Stake high council and Mrs. Webb were the speakers.

The testimony meeting which followed was most inspirational. Never were the girls closer to God than on that memorable evening.

The meeting was followed by marshmallow roasts around small campfires, from which could be heard melodious strains of young girls' voices singing their favorite hymns.

Camp director was Virginia Jones of Oakland Stake. The efficient staff included Triste Hall, first aid and water sports, Myrtle Snarr, handicraft, and counselors Violet Fontana, Dorothy Goesch, Koye Roberts, Rose Winter, Jane Workman, Eunice Walton, Alina Wachter, Mary Tolley, Grace Shaw, and Donna Schipper with junior counselors Connie Schipper, Sheran Peterson, Joan Libby and Ravena Chugg.

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S. F. Artist Maynard Dixon Shown At BYU

Brigham Young University's collection of Maynard Dixon paintings, the largest single collection of his paintings known, has recently been cleaned and placed on exhibit in the Education Building on the BYU campus.

Dixon did most of his painting in San Francisco, but maintained studios in Arizona and at Mt. Carmel, Utah, where he could paint, firsthand, the bright, vivid colors of the desert which later became so well known in his paintings.

Dixon's work is most representative of the Western desert country. He loved the West, and maintained a number of work studios where he could paint. Frequently he would live among the Indians themselves so that he might capture "genuiness" on his canvas.

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for the right," he asserted.

"There never was an age in which the forces of evil were more subtle, powerful, or better organized. Against this evil, faith in God is the greatest, and most powerful weapon," he concluded.

In the afternoon session Elder Brown declared, "we have come very close to the Lord many times in our deliberations with your leaders in the last few days."

He also was led, in reviewing his life to thank God for the lessons and disciplines of life.

"There are those among us today who have heart breaks, sorrows and who face tragedy. Remember, all saints, the Savior's words, "Come unto me all ye who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

"I bless you and leave a blessing with you," he concluded.

Elder Lee declared that, "to those who had been selected as the new stake leaders, two things had happened.

"First, when you raised your hands to support them. Then they received courage in your unity.

"Second, they have had hands laid upon them by the Lord's own appointed priesthood.

"Everyone should read verses 1-6 of the Doctrine and Covenants, chapter 36. We read,

"And I will lay my hands upon you by the hand of my servant Sidney Rigdon, and you shall receive my Spirit, the Holy Ghost, even the Comforter.'

"So it is with these brethren. They are endowed with the necessary guidance of the Holy Ghost in their ministry."

Quarterback Club

Elder Lee spoke of the "quarterback club," the alumni who gather after each football game to discuss why the game was lost and what should have been done to have won.

"So we have groups in the Church, 'the quarterback saints' who gather after such meetings as we have had today. They won't like the color of some new leader's hair, or his lack of hair, or some other triviality."

Elder Lee expostulated, "Latter-day Saints, don't join that club, but join the Lord's club."

He also told the story of speakers at the funeral of an elder who had been a doctor. Everyone referred to the deceased as "doctor." After leaving the meeting one of brethren remarked that no one had called the man by the only title by which he will be known in heaven, namely the title "Elder."

Elder Lee counseled the use of this proper title in referring to our brethren in the priesthood.

Speaking of the days of sacrifice, he declared they are not past. He said it had been prophesied by James E. Talmage, that the time would yet come when many saints even apostles, would lose their lives in defense of the truth.

"First signs of spiritual sickness begin when people begin to criticize the bishop," declared Elder Lee. "The Bishop has been appointed by inspiration. When one criticizes his acts before others he shows that his own spiritual sickness has set in."

President W. Glenn Harmon contrasted figures of 1936 and 1956. He held up two General Church Directories. The one of 1936 contained 148 pages while the 1956 edition required 576 pages.

In 1936 the Church's membership was 760,000. Today it is near 1,500,000.

In 1936 there were 3589 missionaries at home and abroad, while today there are 11,252.

In 1936 there were 2081 converts to the Church, while in 1956 there were 21,669.

In 1936 Oakland Stake enrolled 3387 in all the East Bay area as far north as Napa, where today in the same East Bay area there are 18,562 Latter-day Saints of record.

In 1936, in Berkeley Stake, including Vallejo and Napa, there were only 3½ Church chapels, while today all wards except one and one branch have their own buildings.

LDS Conference

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the conference were Hayward, Walnut Creek, and Oakland-Berkeley Stakes.

New Stake Presidencies

The new presidencies sustained were: for Hayward Stake, Milton P. Ream, A. Clifford Jackson and Francis Winkel, for Walnut Creek Stake, Emery R. Ranker, Norman B. Creer and Owen J. Cook; for Oakland-Berkeley Stake, O. Leslie Stone, Elmo R. Smith and Delbert H. Rock, Sr.

Walnut Creek Stake includes Rodeo, Martinez, Pittsburg, Concord, Conord II, Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek Wards and Orinda Branch, with a total membership of 4,286.

Hayward Stake includes Oakland Second, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Hayward, Hayward II, Castro Valley and Centerville Wards and Livermore Branch, with a total membership of 4,964.

Oakland-Berkeley Stake includes Oakland, Oakland III, Oakland IV, Oakland V, Alameda, Claremont, Berkeley, Berkeley II, Richmond and East Richmond, with a total population of 5,896.

The total membership of the East Bay stakes in Alameda and Contra Costa counties thus makes a grand total of 15,146 as of August 26, 1956.

Why A Hyphenated Stake

The reason for uniting the Oakland wards with the Berkeley and Richmond wards, it was pointed out by Elder Lee, is that the church membership in these metropolitan wards is more or less static or declining.

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BISHOPRIC OF THE NEW PALO ALTO SECOND WARD
The twelfth unit in the Palo Alto Stake. Left to right: Lacy G. Thomas, first counselor; Bishop Curtis V. Harrison; Donald B. Norton, second counselor, and Gordon Sunberg, ward clerk. Palo Alto Ward was divided June 24, 1956, and the new ward began to function Aug. 1, 1956.
—Photo by W. L. Cheney.

Introducing New Oakland-Berkeley Stake Presidency

The president of the new Oakland-Berkeley Stake, Oscar Leslie Stone, was born in 1903 in Chapin, Idaho. He attended public schools in Driggs, Idaho, and spent a year at the Brigham Young University in 1919-20.

In 1924 he married Dorothy Cobbley of Blackfoot, Idaho, in the Salt Lake Temple. The couple have four childlren, Dr. James Reed Stone of Rockville, Md., Ronald V. Stone of Oakland, Douglas L. Stone of Palo Alto and Thomas R. Stone, a missionary serving in Papeeta, Tahiti.

Following their marriage, the couple established themselves in Portland where Elder Stone managed a chain of stores. He later became division manager of MacMarr Stores, Inc., of Portland, and on moving to Oakland was made a vice president of Safeway Stores, Inc. For the last ten years he has been president and director of Skaggs-Stone, Inc., of Oakland.

The new president is well known to Bay Area members of the Church, having held many responsible positions. From 1945 to 1951 he served in the Berkeley Ward bishopric. He has also been stake Sunday School superintendent, member of the Oakland Stake high council, and at the time of his call to the presidency was bishop of the Oakland Fifth Ward.

Elmo R. Smith

The first counselor to president Stone, Elmo Raymond Smith, was born in Madison City, Idaho, in 1915. Public schools were followed by several years at Ricks College from which Elder Smith received the degree of associate in education. In 1939 he earned a B.S. from the University of Utah, and in 1943 an L.L.B. from the University of California.

At present he practices law with Brown and Smith, Attorneys, of Oakland.

Church activities include a mission to the North Central states where he was president of the South Minnesota district. From 1943 to 1948 Elder Smith was bishop of the Dimond Ward.

He married June Weindorf of Oakland in a Temple ceremony in 1937. The couple have four children: Carol Lynn, Barbara, Judy and Lorene.

Elder Smith is very active in civic organization and is a member of local, state and national bar associations.

Delbert H. Rock.

Delbert F. Rock, President Stone's second counselor, was born and reared in "Mormon" country, as were the other members of the new presidency.

A Salt Lake Temple marriage to Lavern Williams of Murray has been blessed with a son, Delbert H. Jr., a graduate student at "Cal", and three daughters, Catherine Dunn, Shirley Bennion and Janette Lindsay.

President Rock has been very successful in the business world, having operated his own stores in Washington before moving to the Bay Area. He was an officer in the Safeway Stores, Inc., and for a time mangaed a chain of Payless stores spread out from Oakland to the Low Cost drug store at Shattuck and University in Berkeley and only recently relinquished it in order to have more time to work for the Church.

He served several years on the Berkeley Stake high council and was second counselor to President Harmon on receiving his present call.

Introducing The New Presidency Of The Walnut Creek Stake

Emery R. Ranker

The first president of the Walnut Creek Stake, Emery Romain Ranker, was born 58 years ago in Greenville, Plumas County, California. He attended grade school in Berkeley and graduated in 1915 from the Sonoma Union High School.

He joined the Church in 1920 at Bend, Oregon, following an intensive study of its principles.

A bachelor of science degree from the Utah State Agricultural College was followed in 1924 by his marriage to Irene Thorley of Cedar City, Utah. The gracious couple have three children: Emery R. Ranker, Jr., who is at present in the US Navy, Jean Gardner, a daughter, who resides in Detroit, Michigan, and Elaine Ranker who lives in Boston, Massachussetts.

Study and research in physiology earned Elder Ranker a Ph. D. from Washington University, St. Louis in 1926, and finally, in 1932, an M.D. from Northwestern University in Chicago. For the past 24 years he has practiced medicine in Oakland.

In 1945 he was called to the Oakland Stake high council and at the creation of the Berkeley Stake he became a counselor to president Harmon.

President Ranker is a member of local, state and national medical societies and of numerous Greek letter, honorary fraternities. His career has been sketched in **Who's Who in the East** and in **L. J. Muir's 100 Years of Mormonism.**

Norman B. Creer

Norman Banks Creer, 1st counselor to President Ranker, was born in 1906 in Logan, Utah. He attended Provo District schools and in 1924 graduated from Provo High School.

Brigham Young University awarded him a bachelor of science degree in 1931. Stanford University followed in 1938 with the degree of master in business administration.

Church activities include a mission in Australia where he presided over several districts. He has also served as Sunday School superintendent in the Provo 1st Ward, as counselor in the South 18th Ward Elders' quorum presidency, as YMMIA superintendent in the same ward, as Sunday School superintendent in Martinez Ward tnd as a member of the Berkeley Stake high council where he was chairman of the finance committee.

As a young man he followed construction work. On completing his work at Stanford he was employed by the Utah State Tax Commission as an auditor. In 1942 he joined the Columbia-Geneva Steel Company in Pittsburg, California, and at present is assistant works-auditor in charge of general accounting.

In 1932 he married Iris Robinson of Provo, Utah. The couple have three children: Kay, Gordon and David, and reside in Concord.

Elder Creer is known as an intensely warm and approachable man and as a capable speaker.

Owen James Cook

Also of Concord is Owen James Cook, president Ranker's new second counselor. Elder Cook was born and reared in Bothwell (Tremonton), Utah, and graduated from Bear River high school in 1933. Work at the University of Utah, from which he received an AB, was interrupted by a mission to Eastern Canada in 1935-37.

Graduate study earned him an MA in 1946 and finally a Ph.D. in 1955, both from the University of California.

For several years he served in the bishopric of the Martinez Ward. In 1954 he became Berkeley Stake Sunday School superintendent, relinquishing this post in November, 1955, when he was called to act as bishop of the newly formed Concord II Ward.

A marriage in the Logan Temple to Ellen Rich of Brigham City, Utah, has been graced by four children: Carol Ellen, Owen James II, Alice Ann and John Rich.

President Cook has an impressive professional record. He has taught school in both Utah and California. In 1947 he was appointed director of business research in the office of education at Modesto, California, and in 1949 he became assistant superintendent of the Mount Diablo Unified School District, which position he presently holds.

Young, efficient, likeable.

Ream, Jackson, Winkel Head Hayward Stake

Milton P. Ream

The new president of the Hayward Stake, Milton Park Ream, was born 55 years ago in Dingle, Idaho; attended local schools; later enrolled at the University of Utah where he completed his premedical training. An M.D. from Rush Medical College of Chicago was followed by his marriage in the Manti Temple to Helen Swensen of Pleasant Grove, Utah, in 1929.

For the past 25 years Elder Ream has been a general practitioner and surgeon in the San Leandro area. He is on the board of the Eden Township hospital and is a member of other local, state and national medical societies.

He served as YMMIA superintendent in the Elmhurst Ward, as counselor in its bishopric, and for three years, from 1936 to 1939, as bishop. A call to the Oakland Stake high council came in 1939 and he was serving as counselor in the Oakland Stake presidency when asked to preside over the new Hayward Stake.

Elder Ream has five children; Susan Elizabeth, a WAVE ensign stationed in Washington, D. C., Milton Park, Allan Knutt, attending MIT, Russell David and John Stephen.

A. Gifford Jackson

The first counselor to President Ream, Anthony Gifford Jackson, was born 44 years ago in Salt Lake City. He graduated from the West high school of that city and after considerable advanced study received in 1942 an LLB from the Oakland College of Law.

His church record includes a mission to Canada in 1931-33 and three years as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy. He served six years as bishop of the San Leandro Ward, and at the time of his appointment to the stake presidency was a member of the Oakland Stake high council.

Since 1953 he has been claims representative for the city of Oakland. Capable of finding time for civic as well as religious duties, Elder Jackson is at present the director and secretary of the Eden Township hospital district of Alameda County, California.

He married the former Miss Verna Fell of Toronto, Canada, and is the father of three sons: Edward William, Clark Gifford and Rodney Weston.

Francis B. Winkel

Francis B. Winkel, the second counselor in the Hayward Stake presidency, was born in the quiet Utah town of Richfield in 1916. He attended elementary and high school in the town of his birth and in 1935 enrolled at the Utah State Agricultural College.

A mission to Tahiti interrupted his schooling, however, and he spent two years preaching the gospel in the islands.

Shortly after returning home he married Rose Blanche Thompson of Aurora, Utah, in the Manti Temple. The couple have six lovely children: Linda Rose, Richard Henry, Francis McKay, Rebecca Anne, Nancy Lou and Rose Marie.

In 1950-51 Elder Winkel was bishop of the Alameda Ward. He served as counselor in the presidency of the Centerville Branch in 1951-53 and as bishop when the branch became a ward. He also spent a short time as a member of the Oakland Stake high council.

At present Brother Winkel is the manager of the Beaver Lumber Company of San Leandro.

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Creek stakes is increasing so rapidly that altho their present populations are less in each case than the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, yet in only a few years these smaller stakes will probably be larger than the more metropolitan stake is today.

As proof of the statement that the metropolitan population is more or less static or declining, Elder Lee cited interesting figures as follows:

While Berkeley Second Ward has gained 308 in membership in the last 8 years, Berkeley First Ward has lost 205 in the same period, and Claremont has gained only 65 in 9 years, largely from territorial additions to the ward's area.

East Richmond has lost 249 and Richmond 199 in the last 6 years.

Among the Oakland wards Alameda has gained only 75 in the last 10 years, and Oakland First on 4 in 4 years.

Oakland Third has lost 13 in the last 3 years, Oakland Fourth 76 in 3 years and Oakland Fifth 10 in the same period.

Social Contacts Considered

As further justification for making one large stake instead of two small stakes out of the metropolitan wards of Oakland, Berkeley and Richmond, Elder Lee pointed out the great need that exists for widening the opportunity of our young people to meet more LDS youths of their own age in order that more may be able to marry within the Church.

Keeping stakes larger brings more young people together in stake meetings, dances, games and firesides.

The marriage records of the Berkeley and Oakland Stakes for the past year point strikingly to the crying need for more social contact between our LDS young people, it was declared. Young people can't marry within the Church unless they can associate with young people of their faith.

The marriage records for Oakland Stake show that of 64 marriages only 17 were performed in the temples, and 31 were marriages to non-members.

In Berkeley Stake of 67 marriages, 19 were performed in the temples and 30 were marriages to non-members.

"We need stakes large enough for youths to find LDS life companions," declared the apostle in conclusion.

Redwood City.

Era Subscription Increase Wins Cash Award

By Gay Taylor

In his first year as stake Era director, Robert J. Mahany of Redwood City ward saw the magazine's subscriptions increased by 20%, resulting in Palo Alto stake achieving the quota required for a cash award totaling $128, which was distributed to the stake and to the wards meeting the quota.

The subscription quota—10% of the population or membership—was reached by the following wards: San Carlos, Burlingame, Redwood City, San Mateo First, and Menlo Park. Total subscriptions for the stake were 606, an increase of 102 over the previous year.

In explaining his methods of increasing subscriptions, Brother Mahany said, "My approach is by direct contact with the ward Era directors. I go to their wards and go to their homes to try to help them with their individual problems."

21 Girls Win

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has been a guest at the David Rogers home. President Ream and his family enjoyed a vacation at Lake Tahoe during the month. Lovey Irwin, mother of Oneita Wilson is visiting with the Wilson family.

Norma Hartley has been chosen music director for the stake Primary board. Bob Bird is new music director for our ward Sunday school.

Brother and Sister Don Smith have opened a nursery in their home. They have everything in order to care for a large group of youngsters.

Marlene Swim, daughter of Dene Swim, was a guest at her own home for a couple of days: she is traveling with relatives during the summer, and has visited scenic spots in Oregon, Washington and northern California as well as national parks in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming. She plans to attend San Diego Junior college next winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Peterson made a trip to Arbuckle to get their children who spent two weeks there. The Douglas Larson family vacationed at Lake Tahoe during the month.

Jeanine Torgerson has been sustained as ward Primary chorister.

The Lowell Brown family had a vacation in Utah and Idaho and Ed stayed in Idaho to work during the summer.

Carl Buckmiller has been released as chairman of the ward genealogical committee and Alford Priddis was sustained as new chairman. Tom Phillips was chosen counselor with Clara Ashby secretary.

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Oakland Tribune Critic Praises Ewan Harbrecht

Clifford Gessler, music critic of the Oakland Tribune, wrote of the Ewan Harbrecht concert in the Shrine Auditorium, Oakland, August 24:

"It was a highly enjoyable recital; Miss Harbrecht managed a voice of moderate volume intelligently, by apt placement and fluent, flexible style. Her coloratura was agile and accurate."

21 Girls Win MIA Awards

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John and Myra Kai have returned from a vacation in Yellowstone Park. They took as their guests, Charles Gimbel and John Amsterdam.

Marvin Alexander broke his foot while playing softball in the final game with Centerville.

Mrs. Kenneth Basinger underwent an operation; she is reported doing well.

Attorney and Mrs. E. J. Wilde and children, Kathy and David, of Salt Lake City, were guests of his brother R. C. Wilde, and family.

Sister Helen Ream spent ten days in Idaho visiting relatives and friends. Bishop and Sister R. S. Smead spent the week-end at Lake Tahoe. Orlando Bowman and family made a trip to Salt Lake City and stopped at Lake Tahoe for a few days.

Mildred Tangren, James Tangren, Venice Priddis, and Robert Ashby, have been called to work in genealogy.

Eighteen Boy Scouts and their leaders spent a week at Diamond-O.

Babies blessed, last fast day, were: Sheril Bybee and Darlene Jane Hansen.

Russell Kern and family have moved to San Jose. Russell's parents, from Missouri, have been visiting with them.

Ray Chugg has been sustained as a teacher in the YMMIA; Cleona Oster and Sandra Saari have been sustained as Primary teachers; and Jane Dunn as Primary secretary.

Young MIA people spent an evening at the Berry farm in Pleasanton, under supervision of the MIA presidency and superintendency. Time was spent in swimming and eating watermelon.

Concord Ward

Concord Second Organizes MIA

The two Concord Wards now have separate MIA organizations. Karl Eriksson has been appointed superintendent of the Concord Second Ward YMIA with Leon Westover and Starr Brockbank as counselors.

Lenore Wittwer is president of the YLMIA with Romona Dunn and Audrey King counselors; Lucile Columbo financial secretary, Bernice Dance, attendance secretary, Lynn Tolles, sports director.

Juanita Kvilhaug, Second Ward Primary President, announces the graduation of all Primary classes the last week in August. Time scedules will change so that the first Wednesday in September Primary will begin at 4:30 p.m. in order to conform to the school hours. All children who will be 3 years and 9 months of age by December 2nd are elegible to begin Primary when the fall program commences in September.

Muir Woods was the scene for a pleasant afternoon when many families joined Bishop Cook and his family there for a summer outing.

Redwood City Ward

Two Redwood City Members Honored

By Gay Taylor

Two men of the Redwood City ward have recently achieved outside honors, John G. Weaver receiving a Superior Accomplishment cash ward for his work with the Navy at Treasure Island, and Donald G. Baker being appointed chairman of the San Mateo County Red Cross water safety program for the coming year.

Brother Weaver is president of the YMMIA, and Brother Baker ward financial clerk.

The official commendation accompanying the award praised Brother Weaver for the exemplary manner in which he performed his duties as Supervisory Personnel Officer in the office of the Supervising Inspector of Naval Material.

Brother Baker's responsibilities in the Red Cross Water Safety Program cover an area from San Carlos to Menlo Park, where a "learn to swim" drive is teaching eight thousand children swimming and survival techniques.

Redwood City.

Cub Scouts, Dads Week-End Camp

By Gay Taylor

Thirty-nine Cub Scouts of RedWood City ward's Cub Pack 127, accompanied by their fathers, camped over the week end among the giant redwoods of Big Basin in the Santa Cruz mountains, as a featured outing of their summer program, under the direction of Cubmaster Melton Johnson.

Hikes, baseball and volleyball filled a program climaxed by a pack meeting at which two boys, Warren Meier and John Klein, were graduated to the Guide Scouts. Scoutmaster Evan Marshall was on hand to accept the new boys.

Cubmaster Johnson was assisted by Keith Allred, Emil Meier and Richard Harris. On Sunday morning the latter conducted a camp Sunday School.

Redwood City.

Ward Chorister Wins Free Trip To Hawaii

By Gay Taylor

Myron Brown of the Redwood City ward has been awarded his second expense-paid trip this summer in home appliance sales contests. In July, he and his wife enjoyed a three-day trip to Las Vegas—though just what the attraction was there, for Mormons seems somewhat obscure. The second award was a ten-day trip to Hawaii, on a flight scheduled August 24.

Brother Brown is a former member of the Redwood City ward bishopric, and is now active as ward chorister, teacher of the Gospel Doctrine class in Sunday school, and Palo Alto stake employment counselor. He is manager of a Redwood City home appliance retail store.

Alameda Ward's Interesting History Since Bishop Bangerter Took Office

By Amelia Everett

concluded from August Messenger

Our latest missionary to leave was Richard (Dick) Stam. His farewell testimonial was held Apr. 1956, prior to his leaving for the Netherlands where he has many relatives. The language is coming easy to him, we learn.

Library

Our libraries are well stocked and growing. Each auxiliary has its own. The Relief Society has a set of Church Histories among other valued volumes. The Jr. Sun. School and Primary libraries are perhaps used most, especially art materials and other visual aids. The ward has 150 new song books for which Ralph Lane has graciously made and installed book racks on the backs of the chapel seats.

Beautification

Our lawn and shrubs have been kept beautiful by custodians James T. Simpson ever since the initial landscaping by Jack Powell.

Flowers are beautifully arranged every Sunday by LaVina McRae, Carol Durham and Kattie Hune. Lucilee Schow, Kay Nepoleon, Hazel Bangertor and LuRilda Seavers also have been on this committee. Carol tells of a time when none of the ladies could be there and Bro. Simpson arranged the flowers very well himeself. He grows most of them in the backyard of the chapel.

Besides the large painting of the Sacred Grove in the chapel, spoken about last month, Archie Inger's beautiful painting is over the mantle in the Relief Society room. The roses on the side wall there-in was painted and donated by Eugenie Daniels.

Allotment and How

The Ward's allotment for the Inter-Stake Church Center is $9,500.00, but nobody swooned when they heard it. Instead, they sponsored a real and unique Polynesian feast with dance-song festival May 4, 1956. Everybody was invited and each donated $3.75. $625.00 was taken in toward the big building project.

Relief Society

Alameda Ward has always had a good Relief Society, capable and willing to do its part. The presidents who have served since 1946 are Erma Lane, Lucille Schow, Ruth Reebe, Rachael Stamps, Alice Everett (served for about two months) and Lucile Holladay. Cora Hallford is the president now. Past presidents and helpers were invited for a luncheon and picture-taking party Mar. 1953. Many came, one from Salt Lake City.

Genealogy

The genealogy committee chairmen since 1947 have been William E. Henderschott, Arnold Smedley, Charles H. Stamps, Clifton M. Holladay, and for the past two years, Murray Eliason.

MESSENGER Reporters

The Messenger reporters for Alameda the past ten years include Rhea Gustavenson, Gaylene Clayson, Verla J. Smith and for the past three years, Amelia Everett.

Mutual

The Y.W.M.I.A. superintendents since 1947 have been Ralph Dunford, Ralph Lane, Wm. N. Clayson, Robert L. Clark, Symor Murray, Harold Price, Bruce D. Roberts and Walter K. Nepoleon who is serving at the present.

The Y.W.M.I.A. presidents: LuRilda Seavers, Mary Alice Knowlton, Rhea Gustaveson, Margaret B. Liebhart and the newly appointed Dorothy Eliason.

Primary

Primary presidents serving the past ten years have been Ganel Miller, Marie Smith, Evelyn Barlow, Frances B. Severson. The latest is Ruth Goodfellow. In the recent annual penny drive the Primary collected $103 for the benefit of Children's Hospital.

Music

Alameda has always been blessed with good musicians. Emmy Stam with her strong operatic voice has always been willing to sing. Rollin Jensen has been gathering honors with his outstanding piano playing since he was a little boy. Lorine Powell has been an able pianist since the ward was organized. Many others have rendered valuable services. The choristers since 1947 inclue William E. Hendershott, Blaine Wilson, Leo Crandall, Rodney Pecock. The organists: Rollin Jensen, Carol Tousley, June Radabaugh, Lorine Powell, Delia O. Thiel, Janet Roberts, Lorine Brake Conrad, Elnora Jensen.

Mutual, Primary

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the Relief Society was held at the home of Jean Smith Aug. 9. All worked on articles for the bazaar. Those who have completed their articles for the sewing booth, please turn them in to Ivadell Erickson.

Our prayers and best wishes go to the Leon Baer family and Ward and Betha Hall. Kay and Robert Baer are in the Children's Hospital, San Francisco recovering from polio. The Halls, parents of Barbara Langlois, are recovering from the effects of an automobile accident. Drop these people a word of cheer.

Joan Lynn Sacket was blessed at our last testimony meeting. Cheryl Woolf, Cherie Harris and Elizabeth De Rouen were confirmed.

Our David Ream is leaving for a Western Canadian Mission. A farewell was held in the chapel on Sunday evening, August 19. Read more about David in this Messenger issue.

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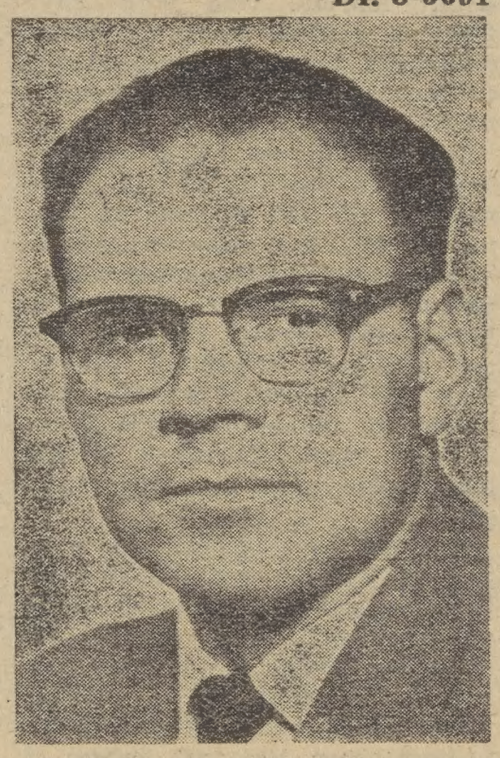

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Jesus The Christ, The Son Of God

"O Jesus the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see
And in thy presence rest."

The M.I.A. reading course will feature the book, "Jesus the Christ" by Talmage during the next two years, we are informed

Editorial

An artist's conception of the face of Jesus as shown in many good pictures can serve a happy purpose if it wakens us to meditate on His majestic personality as His apostles knew him.

We recall waking at dawn one April morning in a motel room in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Southern Mexico, in supposed Book of Mormon lands. As we meditated upon the visit of the resurrected Christ to the humbled Nephites then gathered about the temple in the Land Bountiful, we were thrilled by the thought that we lay there on our bed not far, perhaps, from that very spot of earth where he thus appeared. Being there made the Book of Mormon account seem so vivid and real!

As we write, a picture of Hoffman's painting of Jesus as he conversed with the priests in the temple at age twelve, looks over us from its frame on the wall. Each time we glance at it, a feeling of wonder and reverence seems to echo the words "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business." What wondrous dedication by a youth only twelve!

In now lifting our eyes to the face of Jesus in any good painting of him we recall His words:

"I stand at the door and knock;
If any man will listen
And will open the door
I will come in unto him
And will sup with him
And he with me"

May we all be willing to listen for that quiet knock upon our hearts, open the door of our souls and bid Him enter. Then shall our bosoms swell with joy as he sups with us and we with Him.

"Speak thou for he hears thee,
And spirit with spirit shall meet;
Closer he is than breathing,
Closer than hands or feet."

The MIA reading course does well to feature Dr. Talmage classic work of "Jesus the Christ" for the current season's reading, for no other book, we feel, can give more joyful enrichment.

The Bay Area Browser

By Ray Rackley

Writing from a highly subjective point of view, Wallace Stegner well-known novelist and professor of English at Stanford University has produced a book which I personally feel lacks balance but remains nevertheless worthwhile and which is only rarely dull.

It's called **Mormon Country, Duell, Sloan and Pearce, $4.00,** and was apparently written and first published some years ago. Subsequent reprintings indicate its continued popularity.

Mr. Stegner chooses to tell the story of the Mormon country largely through a series of anecdotes about the most interesting (to his mind) individuals to range the territory in the last hundred or so years. He is painfully aware, howere, that a writer can be anything but dull and his book suffers from this fact, for to be interesting the professor often resorts to a consideration of the fringe elements of the Church: the fundamentalists of Short Creek, Mormon badmen, spiritual crack-pots, J. Golden Kimballs's swearing, and the like. All this is highly entertaining but taken together it hardly gives a balanced portrait of the Mormon society.

Conspicuously absent is any considerable appreciation of the spiritual strength and unity of the country. The Mormons of Utah are a people, in many ways an unusual people. They yet await a biographer who sees them as a people, somewhat as Zola saw the coal miners of France.

Several chapters of the book are good reading, however, **Mormon Trees** among others, and one, **Notes on a Life Spent Pecking at a Sandstone Cliff,** is a masterpiece.

The book will interest specifically those who would like to read a modern Gentile's description of the Church and generally all who appreciate a tale well told, for, as a writer, Mr. Stegner is surpassed by very few moderns.

Dr. Sidney B. Sperry, Director, Graduate Studies in Religion, Brigham Young University, has ommitted the unforgivable sin. He has made Paul human.

Paul, who at sundry times and in divers places has been pictured as a narrow-minded little man in black who traveled throughout the happy Roman empire spreading gloom, walks through the pages of Dr. Sperry's new book, **Paul's Life and Letters, Bookcraft, $3.25,** as a warm, kindly, sympathetic missionary, passionately devoted to his Master and poignantly aware of all the problems of his friends.

How does the author achieve such a human portrait? By being both a scholar and a writer. Not that the book at all resembles a doctoral dissertation with numerous footnotes and lengthly bibliographies. A much more scholarly work on the same subject was that written a number of years ago and published as a Sunday school manual by Dr. Russell Swensen, also of the BYU faculty. But even though Dr. Sperry can not be considered an authority on Paul, he does bring to the writing of the book a lifetime spent studying and teaching Middle Eastern languages and cultures and specifically the Hebrew tradition in which Paul was reared.

The student who has read several lives of Paul will find very little that is new in the book other than a few references to Joseph Smith's "Inspired" revision of the Bible and scattered remarks which, taken together, might be considered the Church's view on Bible criticism. The student will observe, on the other hand, that very little that is essential has been left out. The author considers Paul's early background, his role as persecutor of the church, his conversion, his three missionary journeys, his imprisonments, and, one by one, his letters.

Fine Arts Talents Found Among Local Members

Editor's introduction:

" It is said that nature has concealed at the bottom of our minds, talents and abilities of which we are not aware. The feelings alone have the power of bringing them to light."

If this saying of La Rochefau- could be in any sense near the truth, then local Latter-day Saints seem to verify it. They appear to have their share of talent among them, but the people in general seem not to be aware of the talent at their very elbows. Sometimes the ones talented seem themselves but dimly aware of the possessed talents.

The Messenger of Northern California has sought in its way to bring recognition to our many talented musicians, and shall continue to do this.

We now wish to broaden this to all the other expressions of art. Especially in this issue we turn to those among us who are talented in the fine arts of painting, sculpture and related fields. Mrs. Ann Crockett of Berkeley Second Ward has favored us with a report of her own activities in these lines and also of a few others living in the Berkeley Wards.

We invite interested members in all wards and stakes to likewise favor our readers with similar reports in the fine arts activities.

An art exhibit is being discussed. What is the feeling in this regard?

Some Art Activities Of Our Members Told

By Ann Crockett

It is probable that, while living in Chicago where her father studied electrical engineering, that ten year old Ann Anderson was influenced by frequent visits to the Art Institute, and may have then decided to depict in art forms her own conclusions reflecting life, liberty, and the pusuit of happiness.

But it was several years before her sharpened pencil points gained perspective under the professional guidance of Calvin Fletcher and Harry Reynolds at the art department of the Utah Agricultural College in Logan.

As that department broadened with occasional guest instructors, so did the student's perspective. After an intensive summer school course from Prof. Lee Randolph, Director of San Francisco's California School of Fine Arts, five art majors extended their horizons to California's summer skies.

A Memorable Time

For Ann, that was a particularly memorable summer, for it was also the year she met Frank Crockett. All personal events were thence qualified by this fact, even though a few months later he departed on a Swiss-German mission.

Shortly after coming to San Francisco, Ann was joined by her sister, Marion, who with Faye Ollerton, worked for D. C. Heath, publishers, before the girls moved to Berkeley, where Marion attended U.C.

In addition to being student-hostess at the art school, and a member of S.F. Society of Women Artists, Ann enjoyed a season of puppeteering at Blanding Solan's unique little puppet theatre on Mongomery Street. Here, despite an amateur's fumbling efforts, play-wise sophisticates were fascinated by puppetized versions of O'Neil's "Anna Christie," or the imaginative astral phantasy, "Skygirl."

Famous for stagecraft and puppets, etching and lithography, Blanding generously shared studio and tools with those who wished to learn. Thanks (?) to him, Ann acquired a bulky 300 lb. etching press, which cost a pretty penny to haul about. But with bottles of acetic and nitric acid, glass trays, zinc and copper plates, old dental instruments, and sundry other tools, she was not without a medium of trade come Christmas card time.

Franks Returns

After returning to Idaho in November, having completed his mission, Frank managed his father's store until spring. Then a young man's fancy lightly turned. Mounting motorcycles, he and a friend "bounced" to Berkeley. Frank and Ann were married in September by Bishop Claude Nalder, and were later sealed in the Logan Temple.

Although the depression had paralized much industry, Frank found employment in San Francisco. Wishing to study from Cape Cod's visiting artist, Arnold Blanch, (his pictures many of you enjoy,) Ann continued school, until January, when the Crocketts returned to Bear Lake. For two years, in leisure hours Ann was seldom without paintbox or sketch pad, recording by portrait or landscape, delightful local color.

Back in the Bay Area Ann hoped to resume school. But anticipation was channeled to more purpose by two blessed events. Still, over the years, one finds there is still time to apply perspective.

Among the paintings done by Ann may be mentioned those of her own children.

(to be continued)

Music Memory Of Years Past

By Nelle Macdonald
(concluded from July)

Then as I think of the branches and wards as they were divided from the original Oakland branch, and their musicians, what a host of names race through our memory! To Berkeley went most of the singers that I have mentioned; not forgetting that talented composer, Ada Lindblad, whose song "The Lord's Prayer" was given by the Berkeley Singing Mothers at General Relief Society Conference in Salt Lake a few years ago. Out in Richmond was that fine organist, Claude Dewsup, who with his three sisters, added a joyful touch to many a program. Others were, Tim Morley, Geo. Badouin, the Peter Genglers and the Myron Telfords.

Others in Alameda

In Alameda we remember the Hunts, Anna, Cleo and Bonnie; Mrs. Jack Merrill; Kenneth Everett, organist and his sister, Lorraine, Emmy Stam and others whose names escape me now. Out in Dimond were the Robinsons, Tom and Maude, and their daughters Ione and Virginia (all now living in Bakersfield), Pat and Parley Fish, Jean Lauper, Noreen Morgan, Herb Wieland, Jack Fitspatrick and his pretty French wife, Charles Cherrington, Donna Phelps, Emma Mathewson, Lois Russell, The Weindorfs and John Kest and his family or girls.

We remember many names in the Oakland branch: The Kays—Jim, Johnny, Janet, Adelle and Mary—weren't they sweet? There was Earl Phillips, Doris Walker and Kenneth Everett, accompanists. Recalling choristers, there were Ether M. Davey, J. B. J. Hawkley, Oscar Berquist, Frank Parsons, Mary Rex and Bob Sant.

Choir Members

Choir members included Ruth Gigi, Bro. Wright, Jimmy Gaines, Jim Sharp, Charles C. Carr, John G. Shields, Percy Groom, Ruth Wilson, Edna and Doris Phillips, Agnes Lamont Stockdale, Reed and Wanda Chase, Heber and Dorothy Brown, Rita Kalikan Ralph and Mary Jordan and Kathryn Norberg and many others whose names have left me. Out in Elmhurst was Helene Brummett, a very promising young violinist, and Wallace Wimmer who sang solos.

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Wedding Bells

Richmond: Maxine Child, daughter of Howard and Della Child, was married to Jimmy Riggs on July 7, with Bishop Hurst of Reno ward officiating.

Walnut Creek: Ensign Iral DuWayne Hodge was married to Margaret Christine Johnson July 8 at St Paul's Episcopal church here in Walnut Creek. Brother Hodge's parents live in Walnut Creek ward. The couple honeymooned in Carmel.

Brother and Sister "Tony" Clark announce the wedding of their daughter, Bonnie Jean to Jack Ward Taylor, to take place September 21 at the Los Angeles Temple. The reception will be held in the Walnut Creek chapel September 22.

Alameda ward: Marlene Jensen was honored by a bridal shower August 8 at the home of Eleanor Engel. Dorothy Eliason and Hazel Bangerter were hostesses. A bridal shower was also given for her on August 15 at the home of Reba Winkel. The little folks from Marlene's Sunday School class also scheduled a shower and requested Sister Bangerter to let them hold it at her house. Sister Bangerter provided refreshments and among the gifts from the class was the book, "Golden Nuggets of Thought."

Balboa ward: Vernon Aitken Simister, son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Simister will be married to Keturah Anne Brown of Regiva, Sask, Canada Sept. 4, 1956 in the Los Angeles Temple.

Rodeo Ward: Jon Cleon Fitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cleon Fitt and his bride Doris Esther Lott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle L. Lott of Vallejo will be honored at a wedding reception September 7, 1956 in the Vallejo Ward Chapel. Marriage took place August 13 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Berkeley Second: Adele and Vinal Duncan were proud parents when Bishop Ward Green married their daughter Marilyn to Jovette McCallon at their home on the 28th of July. These two young people attended Gallaudet College, Washington D.C. (Marilyn won a scholarship) They are now making their home in Capitola, California.

Tom Brooks has been made an elder. He will marry Bessie Norberg in the Salt Lake Temple on the 4th of September.

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Berkeley First

Crowther Family Give Program At Church Meeting

Hearl, Margaret and Blaine Crowther furnished the program for the July 29 sacrament meeting, the brethen doing the preaching Margaret accompanied the congregational singing besides playin two choice organ solos.

Russell and Hazel Ball, with their four children, spent a July-August week in the Bay area visiting the I. B. Balls, Russell's parents, and the families of Hazel's brother, Richard W. Owens in Berkeley and of her sister, Ruth Bowen in Palo Alto.

Visitors at the Liahona campsite from Berkeley Ward have included, besides the girls MIA groups, the Jarmans and the Lon Sorensens, The A. D. Ericksons held a 3-day family reunion in August at the lodge and their cabin. Every member of the family attended.

I. B. Ball accompanied Russell and Hazel in their auto drive to Albuquerque. On the way they spent three days in Yosemite and 3 days in Salt Lake City and Logan (Hazel's father is the mayor of Logan). I. B. stayed a week in Albuquerque visiting also in Santa Fe and Los Alamos, and riding the Greyhound home in time to help to get out this messenger.

Music Memories
(Con't from Page 8)

Finally there was that very talented King Driggs family who had their beginnings in Oakland. They had a family orchestra at first, then later the girls, taking their father's name, became famous in Hollywood as the "King Sisters." Now they are featured on Jack Carson's radio show. W. King Driggs, wrote a Book of Mormon cantata,—"Liahona" which was first given in Oakland chapel, later in the Oakland Civic Auditorium and in many wards in Southern California, and finally in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. Karleton Driggs, talented brother accompanist, played the great Tabernacle Organ. He is now the organist for the famous Southern California choir that sang for the recent dedication of the Los Angeles Temple.

We were a happy band—the joys we had those early days. "We still have those moments to remember," thank God.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus H. Norberg announce the wedding reception September 7 in honor of their daughter Bessie Lee and Tom D. Brooks who were recently married in the Salt Lake Temple. The reception will be held at the LDS Institute, 2368 Le Conte Avenue, Berkeley.

San Lorenzo: Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith announce the engagement of their daughter, Connie, to David Cartagena, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Cartagene of San Lorenzo.

Fred Brooks and Jan Gerhart were married at the home of Fred's mother, Mrs. Val Croon, August 5. Jan is daughter of Mrs. Athalie Smith of Banning and Victor Gerhart of Los Angeles. The young couple has been honeymooning at Clear Lake.

Bishop R. S. Smead officiated at the wedding of Jeanne Marie Sholy and Gordon Glen Rogers of Berkeley, August 12. Jeanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sholy and Gordon is son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rogers, formerly of San Lorenzo and now residing in Berkeley.

Charles Howard Recht and Elizabeth Maud McCratchen were married in the Los Angeles Temple August 2 and had a reception in their honor at the home of the bride August 3.

Births

Hayward: They Harley Justus' are celebrating the birth of their son.

A girl was the welcome addition into the home of the Warren Bergs.

Bro. and Sis. William Webb recently welcomed another son to their family.

Births

Alameda: To Ernest Q. and Joyce Tedders, a boy, Ernest Jay, on July 22.

To Wallace and Nile Seavers, a boy, Wallace Scott, born July 21.

To Hector M. and Lucille Buchan, a boy, Steven John, born July 25.

A baby shower was given to Dorothy Brooke, August 15, by her associate Primary teachers, at the home Elaine Lane.

Richmond: The Ronald E. Ashcroft's are the proud parents of a daughter born August 7. She was named Debra.

Walnut Creek: Robyn Miller, daughter of Barbara and Richard Miller of the ward bishopric, was born August 1, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz.

Walnut Creek: A son was born to Lowell and Helen Walker, August 11, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. Karen is daughter of Brother and Sister Nico Snel.

Rodeo Ward: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Laird (nee Lorriane Wanlass of Vallejo) are the parents of a third child Melinda Elynn and second daughter, born Aug. 16, at Brookside hospital in San Pablo.

Obituaries

Rodeo: Death has claimed one of our beloved sisters, Mrs. Ora Hocstrosser. A reident of El Sobrante, she was an active member in our ward, and mother of a large family, including sisters, Alice Redmon and Helen Hess of El Sobrante.

Walnut Creek: Jeffery Groesbeck, infant son of Joan and Russell Groesbeck, passed away Monday, July 30. Interment was in Utah.

Lane-Lewis Reception Thanks

Mrs. Rose Lewis, mother of Richard Lewis, sends the Messenger a note from her home in Kirtland, New Mexico, expressing appreciation to all who aided in making a success of the wedding reception in honor of Richard and Elmore Lane, in the Richmond Chapel in July.

Mrs. Rose Lewis and the Firsteen Lanes would like the many friends of the family to know they are sorry they could not reach them all with special invitations to the reception. Lack of addresses and of time prevented their doing more. Richard has purchased a house trailer and is living on his mother's lot so as to be able to help her as need be. All reports are favorable from all the Lewises in their home town, Kirtland, New Mexico. Write them there, P. O. Box 326.

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Berkeley Stake

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Each father and son will bring cooking and camping equipment for their own use and sufficient food for breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Hot dogs and other suitable snacks will be served Friday night at the Campfire meeting. Each will bring personal toilet articles such as soap, towels, toothbrushes. Cameras may be brought, but firearms will not be permitted. Their is no food, cooking gear or camping gear available at the camp—bring your own.

The cost of the outing will be $1.50 per person to cover costs of the program and incidentals necessary to properly present the events and to provide snacks. Reservations must be made through the ward MIA registration committee.

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Richmond Ward.

Richmond Wards Reorganize MIA

By Beverly Stevenson

East Richmond Ward and Richmond Ward, in the past, have held MIA jointly under one set of officers from both wards. The time has come when each ward is able to hold its own MIA.

The Richmond ward meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings. September 4 marked the opening night of Richmond MIA, with a big party. Lucy Thomson is president of the Young Women's MIA, with Pearl Brown as Age Group counselor, Mildred Olson as Activity counselor, Opal Baker as secretary, and May Gibson as Attendance Secretary.

In the Young Men's MIA, Alton Olson is superintendent, Floyd Borkman, Jr., is age group counselor, Max Briggs is activity counselor, and Leonard Trottier is secretary-treasurer.

The task of filling all the available directing and teaching positions is now being completed.

Rodeo Ward.

Miss Doris Lott Bridal Shower

By Una Ellsworth

Mrs. Blaine Lott was hostess recently for a bridal shower honoring her niece, Miss Doris Lott who will wed Jon Fitt in the Salt Lake City Temple. The popular young couple are students at BYU.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Munk spent their vacation with relatives and friends in Oregon.

Mrs. Ruel Wanlass and daughter, Miss Dorothy Wanlass, motored up from their home in Santa Maria to attend Sister Lott's shower. Dorothy Wanlass was a June graduate from BYU and will teach the second grade in San Leandro school.

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Martinez Ward

Open House Shows Primary Program for 1956

By Alva Mae Forsyth

The Primary, August 27, held its annual open house, displaying their activities and summer crafts, followed by dancing and refreshments.

Primary is losing two of its teachers to the BYU: Addie Belknap and Merrilyn Evenson.

Nanna Lea Busby is in charge of the Primary's project of selling Christmas cards and wrappings to meet their quota for the additional floor of the Children's hospital in Salt Lake.

Bessie Duke was awarded a 5-year service certificate at the Primary birthday service. Sister Duke, now serving on the Stake Primary board, is the first year Beehive keeper of Martinez ward.

Mabel Bowen, exchange teacher from England, entertained the Relief Society at their August meeting at the home of Irah Perrins.

Bob Owens and Merle Hult have left for service in the armed forces.

Five pick-up trucks took the MIA boys and girls on a hay-ride to Haden Park, Pacheco. Everyone brought his or her own food, using the same menu. Watermelon was supplied by the MIA. Val Lefler led singing, accompanied by Wayne Holden on the guitar and Boyd Duke with the harmonica.

Scouts and Explorers, under the leadership of the asistant Scoutmaster, Boyd Duke, camped at the Church Welfare farm, then participated in the pipe project the next day.

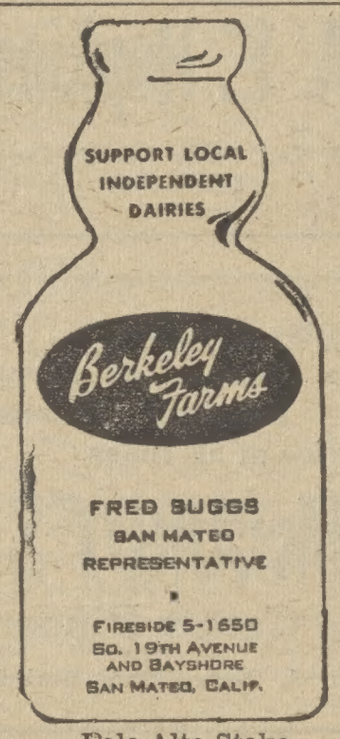
The second graduating class of the teacher training course were presented certificates by Sunday School Superintendent Kermit Perrins. The graduates: Rhoda Jenning, James and Esther Ellis, Jessie Shaw, Bertha Cook, Ida Perrins, Sherrill Perrins, Edna Korth and Clara Carpenter. Class was taught by Genevieve James. Anyone wishing to enroll in the September class may contact Genevieve James or a member of the superintendency.

Shirley Tyler has been released and Midge Fletcher sustained as Sunday School secretary. Donna Henrickson was sustained as assistant Sunday School secretary.

Roy Howard was confirmed a member of the Church by Tom Fletcher, August 5. Ira Lefler and Douglas Carpenter were ordained elders August 12.

Shower Honors Merl D. Coltrin

Miss Mryl D. Coltrin was a guest of honor Monday night, Aug. 20 at a bridal shower given at the W. T. Hicken home by Minnie Alice Hicken, Efcy Moosman and Blanch Severine. Those invited to join in the happy evening were Mesdame I. B. Ball, Don C. Wood, Esther Russell, Neva Hill, Douglas Ream, Elmo Curtis, Ray Plummer. Leslie Unruh, Boyd Huntley, Myrl E. Coltrin and Janet Hill and Dorothy Coltrin. Myrl will be married at the LDS Institute of Religion Sept. 1, to John G. Pardee.



Palo Alto Stake

Walnut Creek.

Inter-Stake Fund Show Sept. 8

By Bonnie Clark

The second movie shown for the benefit of the inter-stake building fund was Aug. 4. The next show is "Brigham Young", September 8, at the chapel on Overlook Drive.

Bring the whole family and enjoy the clean atmosphere and wonderful movie together. By so doing you contribute to the building of the new Inter-Stake Center on Temple hill.

The first "night fast meeting" in the ward was held Aug. 5. The spirit and reverence of the meeting was beautiful. More people were able to bear their testimonies and none were rushed for time. The attendance was the best in a long time for Sacrament meetings. Won't you join us next fast meeting, and partake of the beautiful spirit there? It starts at 6:30.

The Mt. Diablo variety show was a booming success. August 7 was the date and "The Deep Sea" was the theme.

Firesides have been a great success. One week they study the book "Jesus the Christ"; the other week they hear and see slides of past missionaries or speakers. Teen-agers may join us after Sacrament meetings in the lounge.

Primary Session

The Primary put on the Sacrament meeting program August 12, directed by President Val 4:30 p.m., beginning Wednesday Shields. Primary will be held at Sept. 12.

Our junior softball team won the regional softball tournament. They went back to Salt Lake City for the big playoffs August 20.

September 21st at the ward will be a "Royal Party" dinner. The proceeds will go to the Temple Hill players for the expenses of their coming Minstrel Show. Housewives would like to take a rest from cooking dinner, so talk your hubby into taking you and the family to this wonderful dinner.

Under the direction of Brother Walter Scott and his assistant scoutmasters, the Scouts of Troop 211 went on a week campout to Tuolomme Meadows, July 28 to August 4. They enjoyed hikes, swimming and, of course, food.

The Gamma-Rho-Chi girls (Genealogy Research club) gave a farewell party for Rosalie Erickson who left recently with her family to live in Scarsdale, New York. The girls showed pictures and slides of their past excursion to the Mesa Temple. Look for the dates of the next meeting when all new members will be invited.

Fifteen Baptisms In Berkeley. Oak. Stake Missions

The Berkeley and Oakland Stake Missions reported a total of fifteen baptisms for the month of July. Other interesting statistics are: Berkeley Stake, number of missionaries, 80; cottage meetings, 202; convert baptisms to date this year, 72. Oakland Stake, number of missionaries, 80; cottage meetings, 219; convert baptisms to date this year, 94.

Amy Bruerton, Oakland Stake Mission Secretary, sent the following letter to the Messenger offices:

"The new book on methods of proselyting by Willard Astin, "Prayer and Testimony", is now being circulated throughout the mission, and demonstrations of lesson presentations have been given to the District Presidents. Those missionaries who have already used the suggestions in this new manual report much success. Their enthusiasm is spreading to all, and the Mission President is expecting great accomplishment before the year is over.

"Cupid is still shooting his arrows at missionaries. Sister Patricia Orr of Alameda became Sister Hunter in June, and Sister Shirley Henderson of Oakland IV Ward changed her name to Mrs. John Smith in August. Both sisters plan to continue their missionary labors.

"Ten new missionaries have entered our ranks from the last missionnary training class which received certificates in July. One each from the Castro Valley, Hayward II, and Oakland Wards, three from Oakland III, and four from San Leandro. Also, Elder Louis F. Schmill is numbered with the missionaries again. He was released 20 months ago.

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Berkeley Stake News

A Scout-Beehive outing was held Saturday, August 11, at the stake farm to clean up the farm's recreation area. Ermalee Dansie and Jeanne Wright, stake bee-keepers, and Zendell Hale, stake explorer commissioner, were in charge.

The Jr. M-Men and the Jr. Gleaners held a joint outing Tuesday, Aug. 14, in Martinez Park. The same evening the MIA Maids and Explorers held a summer outing with dancing and refreshments in the Concord Ward patio.

A successful six-stake dance was held Saturday, August 11, in the Richmond Auditorium. The popular Jimmy Blass played to couples from the Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco, Palo Alto, San Jose and Santa Rosa Stakes. Folk and square dances were called during the intermission.

PRIMARY. . .

Lula Borkman of Richmond Ward joined the stake board last month to direct the Blazer Class activities. She replaces Rose Odgen of Berkeley II Ward who plans to teach school this fall.

Mildred Brown was released from the stake board beginners class. She will resume nursing. Zella Street of Pittsburg has been called to direct the co-pilot class.

Primary birthday services were held on the first Sunday of August in each ward of the stake. Most wards followed an outline sent out from Salt Lake which suggested a panel discussion of the problems and purposes of correctly rearing children.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. . .

Bevin Blake recently joined the stake board. He will conduct the Investigator class. Wilola Follett has been named correspondence secretary in place of Mary Simons who became Jr. Sunday School Chorister. Louise Shaw, former chorister, will return to school this fall.

George W. Tolley, San Francisco Stake Sunday School superintendent, and several members of his board were guests of Berkeley Stake at the latter's August preparation meeting.

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—Gazette photos

Berkeley Stake Roadshows "Footlgihts And Folklore"

By Rhea Nelson

For the last time, Berkeley Stake MIA will present its annual Roadshows with all twelve wards of the stake participating.

The theme chosen this year has limitless possibilities. Folklore could include ballads of any land, folk tales, Indian lore, folk songs, fairy tales and legends. Wards are encouraged to write their own shows from these sources or other comparable ideas.

The Roadshow should have a story to tell. People wandering across the stage without purpose will detract from the effectiveness of the show. Superior shows should include music, preferably original, woven into the story. Creative dance very often suggests an idea much more effectively than the telling by word.

Scenery must be simple, since each ward has just three minutes to set up and two minutes to take down its set. Ingenuity should replace the cumbersomeness of heavy settings. Effective lighting creates atmosphere very quickly and highlights and shadows tell their own tale.

Budgets of $25.00 have been set for the wards this year. Cleverness and thought should replace large expenditures. Wards should spend a month on the Roadshows, with enough rehearsals to eliminate poor coordination, too much time and unnecessary material.

An innovation this year will be in the playing dates. Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Concord, Berkeley I, Rodeo and Pittsburg will give their shows in Walnut Creek Ward Friday night, September 28 and then on September 29, they will play at the Claremont chapel. East Richmond, Berkeley II, Claremont, Walnut Creek, Concord I, and Richmond will play at Claremont Friday night, September 28, and Saturday, Sept. 29, will show at Walnut Creek. Spectators will want to come both nights in order to see all of the show.

Good taste and discrimination will need to be used by the wards in regards to Church standards. Copies of these standards have been distributed to the wards. Sister Wilkinson of Walnut Creek and Sister Young of Berkeley, stake YWMIA music directors, are arranging quartets which will sing between the acts.

The Roadshows start at 8:00 and will be over at 9:45. Each act will play 12 minutes.

A reception given by the stake MIA officers in honor of the casts and crews of the Roadshows will be held after the shows in the Walnut Creek chapel, September 29, at 10:30. Refreshments will be served and announcements of the judging will be made by Brother Kirke Decker, stake YMMIA president and district supervisor.

Berkeley Ward

Mutual, Primary Open for Season Sept. 5 and 13

By Mickey Olson

Wednesday, Sept. 5, will be the opening night of Berkeley 2nd Ward Mutual, Everyone is invited. An efficient group of officers and teachers have been selected. Joel Gillespie is the YMMIA superintendent, with counselors Larry Roberts and Frank Birch, and Hefbert Layton secretary. Gail Larson will act as the YWMIA president. Her two counselors will be Pat Hinkley and Mickey Olson with Eva Harker secretary and Ruth Quinton attendance secretary. Remember the time 7:30 p.m.

Primary will start on Sept. 13 at 4:00 p.m. All children 4-12 yrs. of age are invited. New teachers in this organization will be Mary Wallman, Jackie Pack, Isabelle Taufer, Rebecca Jacobs, Barbara Gillespie, Dawna Olson, Wilma Burgener and Jane Ricks. The following teachers have been released with a vote of thanks for their good work—Elsa Liotta, Karen Olson, Quinton, Jeannette Holmes and Bessie Roberts.

Annual Bazaar

Berkeley 2nd Ward's annual Bazaar is coming Oct. 20. Plans are being made for a great deal of entertainment and of good values. Come help us raise our part of the welfare budget.

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By Rowene Basinger

Those who missed hearing Miss Ewan Harbrecht Friday evening August 24th at the Scottish Rite Auditorium indeed missed a rare treat! Comments from everyone were that it was the most enjoyable concert featuring a single vocal artist ever to have been heard in the Bay Area.

Her lovely voice, her beauty, enthusiasm, wholesomeness, and her sweet willingness to please endeared her to everyone. To please her audience she sang several operatic arias beautifully in English; then just as beautifully did other selections in German, French and Spanish.

Lightning-quick costume changes in the wings during enthusiastic applause added variety and interest for her group of "Folk Songs". So colorful and typical were her costumes of Early America, Ireland, Scotland, and Spain.

Her accompanist, Raymond McFeeters, himself a concert pianist, deserves highest praise for his contribution to a lovely concert.

Encore after encore was answered, and yet people were indeed reluctant to let them go. If she again graciously returns to the Bay Area to sing she should find a packed house, because all who heard her will be sure their friends as well as themselves go to enjoy her as often as she may come.

Let's "get off the dime"

Let's become aware of the rare opportunity in the Bay Area to hear the world's best artists, who have developed their God-given talents.

At least we can make an effort to hear our own LDS artists who have earned world recognition as has Miss Harbrecht.

The concert for the benefit of Castro Valley Ward's new chapel was a financial success.

B. Y. U. Notes

The first installment of a Ford Foundation grant has been received by Pres. Wilkinson of the "Y". This $610,000 is part of a $1,030,00 grant awarded as an endowment fund whose interest will pay for facuty salary increases.

The "Y" is now the largest institution of higher learning between Colorado and the Pacific Cast. Approximately 75 new faculty members have been added every year since 1952. Soon 75 or 80 new faculty names will be released forfall term, raising the faculty membership to almost 500.

Upton Sinclair Writes "Cup of Fury" Clever Book on Booze

In a new book, "The Cup of Fury," (Charnel Press, Great Neck, N.Y., 1956, price $3 at most book stores), Upton Sinclair, great literary crusader and author tells the "story of drinking people I have known. Two score of them went to their doom, eleven as suicides."

Listed among these friends, Sinclair names Jack London, George Sterling, O. Henry, Stephen Crane, Finley Peter Dunne, Eugene Debs, Sinclair Lewis, Isadore Duncan, William Seabrook, Edna St. Vincent Millay, George Crom Cook, Dylan Thomas and Sherwood Anderson. Well said; "The Cup of Fury."

Claremont Ward

Bishop Millward Recovering

We are happy to report that Bishop Millward is doing fine after his recent operation.

There will be wedding bells soon for Joan Wardle and her fiance Perry Jay Bingham. Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin D. Wardle, was honored at a shower given by Mrs. Grace Millward and Mrs. Ellen Carr at the latter's home.

The bride-elect received a degree in business and social studies from Utah State this year and plans to teach school after her marriage. She has been offered a position at Bear River high school in Utan.

Her fiance is the son of Mrs. Von Haslem of Rosevelt, Utah and Mr. Ercil Bingham of Oakland. He has one more year of pre-dental work to complete, so they will make their home in Logan, Utah.

Vows were exchanged in the Los Angeles Temple sometime in August.

Following the annual potluck dinner, the YMIA presented a one-act play, "The Ghost in the Green Gown." The play, directed by Dorothy Bench and assisted by Carol Stoddard, was an immediate success. The cast of characters included Corinne Hancock, Sharon Wardle, Rita Hancock, Judy Leigaton, Ann Reiche and Winifred Banks.

A surprise baby shower -was given Lu Dawn Bass at the home of Mrs. Joyce Hoard. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Hoard and Mrs. Harriet Hyer.

Ronald W. B. Wyatt Jr. is the name given to the first boy, third child of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Wyatt. Vital statistics: 9 lbs. 11 oz., born August 7, Kaiser Foundation Hospital. Mother and son are both doing well.

Old friends of Mable Bolton will be sorry to hear that she passed away during a heart attack recently. The last few years she has been living and working in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Among the new faces that we are happy to make welcome here during their vacations are Winnie Irving of Phoenix, Arizona, who is visiting her twin sister Dixie Wood and Jeanne Knudsen of Medford, Oregon, younger sister of Cherie Tower.

Speaking of vacations we are happy to see Virginia Wood and her three children back from two months visit with her parents in Arlington, Virginia. While there she was able to see many points of interest such as our nations capital and Gettysburg, where she just missed seeing President Eisenhower leaving church worship.

4-Stake Directory

The 4-stake business and church directory will now become the 5-Stake Directory. Planned for August, the directory has been held up for several reasons, one being the desire to include the roster of officers of the three new stakes.

The 5-Stake Directory will be more valuable than ever.

LIAHONAS CLUB

Ira Call showed slides of his and Cloe Call's skill in floral pieces which they prepare for various occasions, and answered questions from fellow club members at the regular monthly Liahona meeting at the Robin Hood on Grand Avenue, Oakland, Monday evening, August 27.

A. D. Erickson read correspondence from the region's stake presidencies regarding possible utilization of the Liahona campsite by Church groups of young people.

Dale Roe presented a new technique of presenting business problems before the club for group discussion. The evening's topic was public relations which Jack Evans presented as he handles them in his work as Industrial Relations manager for Air Reduction Company. A lively question and answer period followed.

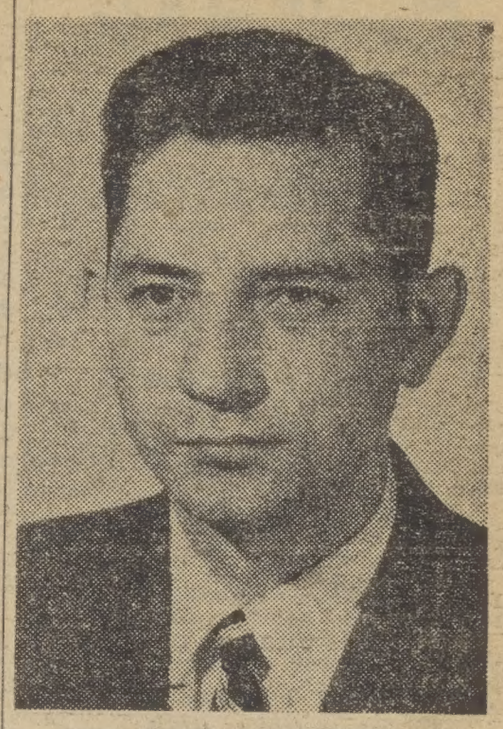
Farewell Party Honors Mr., Mrs. Del F. Wright

A large audience from both sides of the bay met in the Oakland Fourth Ward Chapel to say goodbye to President and Mrs. Delbert F. Wright and to present them with tokens of love and respect with which to remember their many local friends.

Serge Lauper and Wallace N. Allred of the San Francisco Stake presidency and President John A. Murdock of Santa Rosa Stake, were typical of the many who attended.

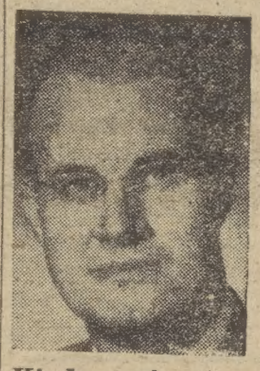
A lovely program of music and addresses was climaxed by a jovial-serious folksy response by Elder Wright.

Refreshments and entertainment on the stage by a group of LDS Hawaiian singers ended an evening long to be remembered.



DR. JOHN R. MARTINEZ
CLAREMONT WARD

Missionary, gifted church class teacher, U. C. teaching assistant, now BYU history teacher leaves a wide vacancy as he departs for Provo, Utah, early in September. His U. C. work for the PhD has been in the field of history with special emphasis on Latin American history.



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